



Tri-Border News Notes

Nov. 2, 2006



BRING YOUR EXPERIENCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD TO THE 2007

AFAP Conference

Army Family Action Plan



A World of Experience
Within Our Community

Thursday & Friday

8 & 9 Feb

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen

Do you have a suggestion on how to improve the quality of life in the Schinnen Community? It could be that what you learned in Korea or at Fort Hood or in Italy might help resolve an issue here.

Look for the **ORANGE** boxes and issue forms throughout the community or email your suggestions to:
ACS-Schinnen@Eur.Army.Mil

Deadline for issues is Friday 9 January 2007

For more information call ACS, USAG Schinnen:
DSN 360-7500 / COM 046-443-7500



Recipe's Wanted

Do you have a recipe that you would like to share with other community members? Maybe a new twist on an old favorite, or a family favorite tradition that anyone could enjoy? Email it to the USAG Schinnen public affairs office along with a little history of the recipe for our new Tri-Border News Notes monthly recipe corner section. Whether it's a Dutch recipe (translated to English please), American, or anything in between, we'd love to hear from you. Email at ladonna.s.davis@us.army.mil.

AFNORTH Lions

Come show your support for The AFNORTH Lions Football in their bid to win the Division III title. The Booster Club is organizing a spirit bus to Baumholder. The bus will leave the AFNORTH school parking lot promptly @ 1000. The game starts @ 1600 we plan to be back by 2400. You can get on board the spirit bus for a minimal price of € 15 if you sign up by Wednesday, after Wednesday the price will be € 20. You or your child can bring the money to Jeannette Foster, no reservations without payment, please respond NLT Friday @ 1300 hrs. Game tickets are sold in Baumholder € 3 for students and € 5 for adults. We have waited for this opportunity for 12 years. The last time was in 1994. Come cheer your lions on to victory; they need your support!!!!!!



Community Run

The annual community run will be held Nov. 7 at USAG Schinnen beginning at 8:00 a.m. Following the run, the Bowling Center will be serving breakfast. All Schinnen employees are welcome to participate in the run.

AUSA Fisher House Drive

Members of the AUSA Benelux Chapter will be collecting donations for soldier-patients and their families receiving medical care at the Landstuhl Hospital in Germany now through Nov. 15 for the first Fisher House Drive. Suggested donations include Paper Products, new DVDs and new 220 V appliances and electronics. To drop off items at USAG Schinnen, look for the collection box in the Command Sgt. Maj. Office. For more information, contact 360-1520.

FOR THE MONTH OF THE MILITARY FAMILY

**Sundays are
Family Days
at the**

SCHINNEN BOWLING CENTER

Bring the family
and each member
bowl for \$1 a game.
(Regularly \$2.50/game)

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HARRY'S BARBEQUE

And while you're bowling,
treat the family to a feast of Harry's
succulent baby-back ribs. Or,
choose from our expanded
menu that now includes pork chops
platter and shoarma on a bun.

Harry's is open noon 'til 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Schinnen Bowling Center open Sundays, 11 a.m. 'til 6 p.m.
DSN 360-7207 and CIV 046-443-7207



Loss and the Holidays Workshop

“Loss and the Holidays” is a workshop for persons that have had a loved one die and believes the holidays could be difficult for them. The workshop will be held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 at JFC Brunssum Chapel, third floor. The workshop will give practical tips for dealing with holiday stress and difficulties because of a loved one’s death. Call 364.2307/2940 to reserve your place in the class

CFC-O 2006

The Combined Federal Campaign Overseas is going on now through Dec. 1. For information, refer to the CFC 2006 contributor brochure. To request a brochure, contact 364-2940 or 360-7226

AFNORTH Community Mailroom Operating Hours

The AFNORTH community Mailroom will close at 3:00 p.m. each Friday. On NATO holidays, the mailroom operating hours will be from 1:00-3:00. Please arrange to pick up any boxes or articles too large for the receptacles prior to these times. The mailroom will be closed on all US Holidays. Beginning Nov. 17 the mailroom will be open on Saturdays from 10:00-2:00 to accommodate the upcoming holiday season.

Tuition Assistance Exception Policy

It is imperative that all Soldiers be advised of the following Tuition Assistance exception policy from the education branch of Human Resources Command: Effective with classes that start Nov. 1 or later, HQ Army Continuing Education System (ACES) will no longer approve TA exceptions based solely on Soldier confusion about GoArmyEd processes. ACES personnel are now sufficiently familiar with GoArmyEd procedures to give Soldiers accurate guidance, and that the helpdesk is fully capable of assisting Soldiers in portal processes. The responsibility lies with the Soldier to seek the necessary information and request tuition assistance in a timely manner. For courses starting Nov. 1 or later, requests for after-the-fact TA will require clear evidence of misinformation provided by the helpdesk or ACES personnel. If you have questions about or need assistance with GoArmyEd please contact the Treebeek Education Center at DSN 364-6041/6013, or CIV 045-5636041/6013.

Dancing Fun

Starts Nov 6, 2006

JFC Brunssum Gymnasium
upper room, (3rd floor)

Ballet Instructions

MONDAY 6 NOV

Beginners - (8 -9 yrs)
4 - 4:55 p.m.
60 euros for 10 week session.
Beginners - 10 + yrs
5 - 6:15 p.m.
60 euros for 10 week session.

TUESDAY 7 NOV

Intermediate Ballet - 10 yrs +
4 - 5:30 p.m.
65 euros for 10 week session.

Beginning Flamenco

WEDNESDAY 8 NOV

10 + yrs
4 - 5: p.m.
65 euros for
10 week session.



*If you are not a member of YS,
you must go to Treebeek to register.*

**For more information contact YS
+31 (0) 45-526-3008 or DSN 364-3595**



Postal Holiday Hours

POST OFFICE LOCATIONS AND HOLIDAY SEASON OPERATING HOURS

The 147th Postal Company, 4th Platoon Schinnen will be extending post office hours for your holiday convenience. The operating hours will be the following: Beginning 14 **Nov – 16 Dec 06:**

<u>Operating hours</u>	
MTWTF	0900-1600
Thur	0900-1800
Sat	0900-1300

HOLIDAY MAILING DATES

Army Post Office (APO) customers are urged to mail their Holiday cards and presents to friends and relatives in the Continental United States (CONUS) as early as possible to alleviate the holiday backlog and ensure a continuous, steady flow of mail. APO customers should complete their Holiday mailing at military postal facilities for each class of mail by the following dates:

- SAM parcels 20 November (Monday)
- PAL parcels 04 December (Monday)
- Priority & Registered parcels 11 December (Monday)
- First class & Registered cards/letters 11 December (Monday)
- Express mail 18 December (Monday)

MAILING BY APPOINTMENT

At the Schinnen APO we will provide personalized service to the community with mailing appointments. If you have five or more packages that are **prepared for mailing**, and want to avoid the long lines, call **360-7273 (Civ 046-443-7273)** and arrange for an appointment from 0800 - 0900. This will help us keep other customers moving through the line during normal business hours, and provide you one on one service while you mail your gifts. We strive to provide the best service possible to the

Foggy Fields Bazaar

The Annual Foggy Fields Bazaar will be held in Hangar 4 at Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, on Friday, Nov. 17 from 9:00-6:00, Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10:00-5:00, and Sunday, Nov. 19 from 10:00-4:00. The bazaar is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders and their guests. Vendors from around the world will be selling fabulous items such as Polish pottery, Turkish carpets, clocks, antiques, jewelry, tapestries, and much more. The bazaar is hosted by the American Women of Geilenkirchen and all profits support programs in the military community.

Operation Christmas Stocking

Please drop-off your donations to Operation Christmas Stocking in the following locations: Bowling Center, Post Office, Commissary, Public Affairs Office, GK Post Office, Army Community Service, Army and Air Force Elements at JFC Brunssum. From toiletries to clothes, to cards, all donations will be accepted. For information call 360-7207

**AFN SHAPE on
Satellite Channel 21**



Get Local TV on Satellite

AFN SHAPE has launched a new satellite channel! Local Television is now available on your satellite decoder! For all your favorite AFN Prime TV shows, command information and local news set your AFN satellite decoder to Channel 21. It's the same programming you can get from the Earth-based transmission only now you can get it through your satellite decoder. When you want to find out what's going on in your community catch the AFN SHAPE Report Monday through Friday at 6:23 P.M. and at 10:23 P.M. on satellite Channel 21.

Dad's Christmas Miracle

A COMEDY BY PAT COOK
PERFORMED BY THE ALLIANCE PLAYERS

AT THE ALLIANCE THEATRE,
JFC HQ BRUNSSUM

Thursday, Nov 30th at 7pm
Friday, Dec 1st at 7pm
Saturday, Dec 2nd at 2pm & 7pm
Sunday, Dec 3rd at 2 pm

Tickets available at door - Adults €6, children 10 yrs and under €4.



MWR Trips

Saturday, Nov. 25

SHOP PARIS

Register with full payment by Nov. 18

Saturday, Dec. 9

COLOGNE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Register with full payment by Dec. 2



Feb. 9-12, 2007

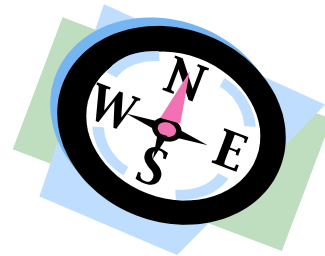
Weekend Trip to Paris

*Register with full payment by
Dec. 30*

Saturday, March 10, 2007

Day Trip to Bruges, Belgium

Register with full payment by March 7



April 6-15, 2007

Spring Break Trip to Spain

Register with partial payment by Dec. 1

April 13-16, 2007

Weekend Trip to Munich and Visit to Dachau

Register with full payment by March 2

If interested in any of these trips, register at the Bruls Fitness Center. For more information, call DSN 360-7561/ CIV 046-4437561

Schinnen MWR Trips & Tours
is pleased to announce . . .



**THE TRIP YOU'VE ALL BEEN WAITING FOR -
A FABULOUS 10-DAY OUTING TO COSTA BRAVA,**

SPAIN

We leave noon Friday 6 April, arriving the next morning at the luxurious 4-star Hotel Onabrava on sunny Santa Susanna by Malgrat de Mar. The tour package includes royal coach transportation, 7 restful nights, 7 delicious breakfasts and 7 gourmet dinners - all for \$369 p.p. dbl, single room supplement \$145, children 12 and under, \$259. Return Sunday afternoon, 15 April.

But here's the catch: You must register with partial payment by 1 December at the Andre Bruls Fitness Center, and seats are going fast!

OPEN TO ALL CANADIAN AND US ID CARDHOLDERS.

For full details, please call 360-7561 or 046 443-7561.
SchinnenFC@benelux.army.mil



Winter Driving Safety

Keep your experience with winter driving from becoming a crash-course in what not to do!

Winter driving can be tricky and often dangerous. Well-paved roads, snow tires and 4-wheeled drive can't take the place of careful driving habits and a healthy respect for the hazards around you. Help yourself take on the challenges of winter driving by learning some safe driving tips:

Before Your Trip

- Give yourself plenty of extra time to get to your destination. Posted speed limits are set for perfect conditions. The less perfect the conditions, the slower your speed should be.
- Clear your windows, hood, roof and trunk of snow before starting out. Snow flying off your car can interfere with your vision or the vision of other drivers.
- Be sure your tires are properly inflated and have enough tread for traction in snow; under inflated & worn tires increase the risk of your vehicle hydroplaning on water on the roadway.
- Putting extra weight in the trunk or truck bed can give you better traction, but it comes at the expense of steering control and longer stopping distances. If you use extra weight, always properly secure the load.
- Before leaving, tell a friend where you are going, your planned route and when you will return. If you fail to return on time, they should inform the police and not go looking for you themselves. If the roadway was too bad for you to drive, it's probably too bad for them as well.



While On the Road

- Wear safety belts and make sure young children are using safety seats.
- Drive with low-beam headlights on in snow or fog. Keep your car's lights clean and free of snow. Dirty headlights can cut visibility by 50 % or more.
- Maintain at least three times the normal following distance from vehicles in front of you on snow or ice. If you are being followed too closely, maintain extra distance behind the vehicle ahead so that you can slow down or brake gradually.
- If your car starts to slide on the ice, ease your foot off the accelerator, do not touch the brake and steer in the direction the rear of the vehicle is skidding.
- Winter driving can be a stressful situation. If another driver does something you don't like, remain calm and let it go. You'll be more successful if your attention is on the road.
- When braking on snow and ice, your car's owner's manual will usually recommend the braking technique most effective for your vehicle.



Safety Tips to help "Keep YOU in Control" from your Installation Safety Office
"YOUR TRI-BORDER CONNECTION TO SAFETY"

USAG Schinnen Safety Gram

